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## ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 9 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

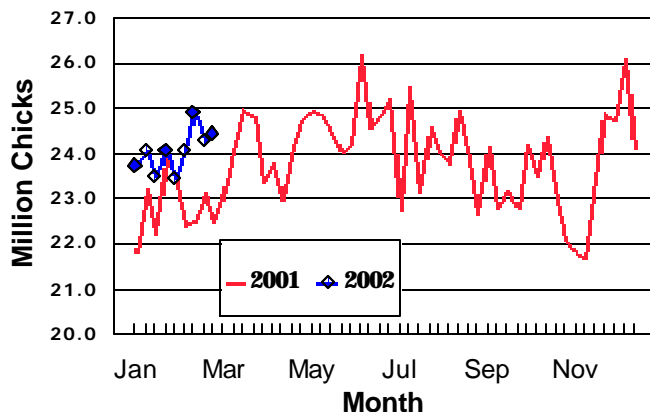
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.5 million during the week ending March 2, 2002, according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Placements were up 9 percent from the comparable week in 2001, and 1 percent above the revised previous week, and included 2.9 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through March 2, 2002 were 216.7 million, up 6 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.0 million, up 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but 2 percent below the revised previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.1 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.8 percent.

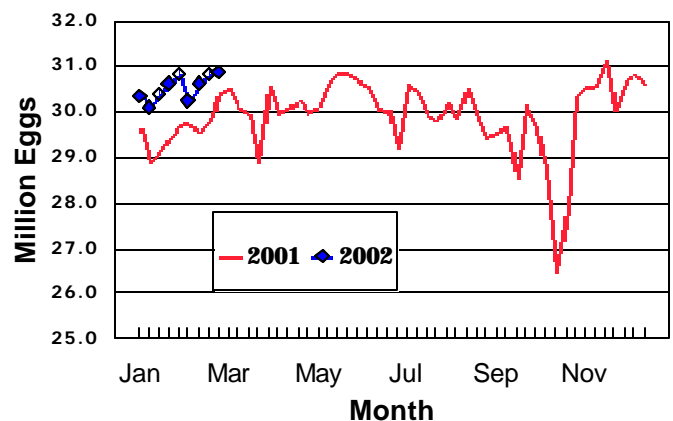
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.9 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending March 2, 2002, up 1 percent from the same period last year and slightly above the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Jan. 26	23,892	24,074	101	24,010	24,968	104	29,413	30,623	104
Feb. 2	23,584	23,464	99	23,577	24,583	104	29,702	30,806	104
Feb. 9	22,457	24,082	107	23,864	24,842	104	29,752	30,232	102
Feb. 16	22,478	24,918	111	24,141	25,204	104	29,581	30,627	104
Feb. 23	23,167	24,317	105	24,393	25,438	104	29,820	30,825	103
Mar. 2	22,485	24,472	109	24,515	25,023	102	30,460	30,859	101

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2001 - 2002



EGGS SET, 2001 - 2002



**BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 15 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2002**

EGGS SET (in Thousands)						CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/	Week Ending						1/
STATE	09-Feb	16-Feb	23-Feb	02-Mar	%	26-Jan	02-Feb	09-Feb	16-Feb	23-Feb	02-Mar	%
Alabama	29,466 *	29,513	29,316	29,647	102	22,013	21,673	21,915	22,563	22,412	22,042	103
ARKANSAS	30,232	30,806	30,825	30,859	101	24,074	23,464	24,082	24,918	24,317 *	24,472	109
Delaware	3,631	3,684	3,571	3,442	97	5,563	4,551	4,971	5,785	4,809	4,902	100
Florida	2,336	2,297	2,224	2,342	92	2,349	2,154	2,473	2,150	2,540	2,128	90
Georgia	31,765	31,494	31,374 *	31,499	97	26,034	25,392	25,652	25,465	25,452 *	26,011	107
Maryland	10,036	10,072	10,016	10,002	112	5,339	5,844	6,060	5,601	6,776	6,751	118
Mississippi	18,905 *	18,851	19,035	18,774	99	15,658	15,683	15,064	14,925	15,639 *	15,691	103
N. Carolina	19,298 *	19,473	19,562	19,692	107	14,381	13,810	14,293	14,270	15,387	15,147	106
Pennsylvania	3,529	3,987	3,975 *	3,701	100	2,545	2,557	2,474	2,488	2,505 *	2,742	114
S. Carolina	4,618	4,945	4,984	4,920	100	3,697	3,885	3,701	3,893	3,918	3,983	98
Texas	15,263	15,338	15,343	15,299	104	12,100	11,754	11,616	12,139	12,052	12,169	107
Virginia	6,737	6,535	6,673	6,672	100	5,726	5,478	4,631	5,137	5,229	5,601	100
CA TN & W VA	10,563	10,907 *	11,023 *	10,854	94	9,353	9,205	9,515	9,066 *	9,162 *	9,647	97
Total 2002	186,379 *	187,902 *	187,921 *	187,703		148,832	145,450	146,447	148,400 *	150,198 *	151,286	
Total 2001	180,246	181,711	184,325	185,689		143,929	144,793	143,285	141,289	142,593	143,883	
% PREV. YEAR	103	103	102	101		103	100	102	105	105	105	
APPROXIMATE MARKETING DATE	2002.....					16-Mar	23-Mar	30-Mar	06-Apr	13-Apr	20-Apr	

\* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

*Kentucky	6,073 *	6,760 *	7,172 *	6,551	--	5,521 *	5,622 *	5,716 *	5,466 *	5,398 *	4,845	--
*Oklahoma	6,565	6,579	6,673	6,460	--	4,442	5,064	5,243	5,212	5,012	4,038	--
*LA & MO	9,122	9,177	9,282	9,357	--	8,605	8,190	7,919	7,958	9,823	9,288	--
19 StateTotal	208,139 *	210,418 *	211,048 *	210,071		167,400 *	164,326 *	165,325 *	167,036 *	170,431 *	169,457	

\* Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States are being published for the first time in the weekly broiler program.

**EGGS SET IN 15 MAJOR BROILER PRODUCING STATES UP 1 PERCENT**

*Commercial hatcheries in the 15-state weekly program set 188 million eggs during the week ending March 2, 2002. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.*

**BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 5 PERCENT**

*Broiler growers in the 15-state weekly program placed 151 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 2, 2002. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through March 2, 2002 were 1.34 billion, up 4 percent the same period a year earlier.*

**NOTE:** Beginning January 2, 2002, the Broiler Hatchery report will ONLY be available under "Publications" on the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service Home-Page at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar/>. Please call 1-800-327-2970 if you do not have access to internet service and would like to continue receiving copies of the report by mail.